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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF GLENWOOD TELEPHONE COMPANY

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 21-503

Comments Due: January 21, 2022
Reply Comment Due: January 28, 2022

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Janice E. O'Brien (Mrs. O'Brien or Decedent), through her Executor, and James T. O'Brien (Mr. O'Brien) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules, requesting consent for the involuntary transfer of control that occurred on October 26, 2021, when Decedent's majority shareholder interest in Glenwood Telephone Company (Glenwood) were transferred to her son, Mr. O'Brien.¹

Glenwood, a Georgia corporation, provides service as a rural incumbent local exchange carrier to approximately 750 access lines in Wheeler and Laurens County, Georgia.² Prior to Mrs. O'Brien's death, Glenwood was owned by Mrs. O'Brien (54%) and Mr. O'Brien (46%), both U.S. citizens. Applicants state that Mr. O'Brien does not hold a 10% or greater interest in any other telecommunications service provider.

Pursuant to the terms of the transaction, all of the Decedent's prior interests in Glenwood have been transferred to Mr. O'Brien, who now wholly-owns Glenwood. Applicants request streamlined treatment of the transaction and assert that a grant of the application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We accept the application for filing under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules.³

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of
Glenwood Telephone Company, WC Docket No. 21-503 (filed Dec. 21, 2021).

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. On January 6, 2022, Applicants filed an amendment to their domestic section 214 application. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² Glenwood also provides service as an eligible telecommunications carrier and wholly-owns South Georgia Broadband, Inc. (SGBI), a Georgia corporation, that provides internet-related services outside of Glenwood's service area. Applicants state that SGBI has a certificate from the Georgia Public Service Commission to provide competitive local exchange services, however, it has never provided such services nor any other domestic telecommunications services.

³ 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before January 21, 2022**, and reply comments **on or before January 28, 2022**. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.

Pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) Myrva Charles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.charles@fcc.gov;
- 2) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, gregory.kwan@fcc.gov; and
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

People with Disabilities: We ask that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530.

The proceeding in this Notice shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 CFR § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the application in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, petitioners and commenters should raise all issues in their initial filings. New issues may not be raised in responses or replies.⁴ A party or interested person seeking to raise a new issue after the pleading cycle has closed must show good cause why it was not possible for it to have raised the issue previously. Submissions after the pleading cycle has closed that seek to raise new issues based on new facts or newly discovered facts should be filed within 15 days after such facts

⁴ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).

are discovered. Absent such a showing of good cause, any issues not timely raised may be disregarded by the Commission.

For further information, please contact Myrva Charles at (202) 418-1506 or Gregory Kwan at (202) 418-1191.

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